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SUBJECT: CALL IN OF KAMA RIVER HEAD

1.

KAMA RIVER PURCHASING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN V. N. PLATONOV CAME TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 8 AT REQUEST OF EUR/SOV ACTING DIRECTOR MCCALL. PLATONOV WAS ACCOMPANIED BY V. K. NAZAROV, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF THE SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION OFFICE. REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS, PLATONOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PURCHASES HAD DECLINED, BUT ASSERTED, WITH HELP FROM NAZAROV, THAT HIS STAFF WAS BUSY WITH FOLLOW THROUGH WORK ON PREVIOUS DEALS AND THAT HE ALSO HOPED BUSINESS WOULD PICK UP. MCCALL SAID INCREASED TRADE WOULD BE GOOD, BUT WONDERED ABOUT THE HOPE FOR IT IN LIGHT OF THE TRENDS AND ALSO OF STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV THAT SOVIET PURCHASES IN THE U.S. WOULD BE CUT, EVEN TO ZERO.

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2.

NAZAROV FINALLY TOOK OVER AND ASKED IF MCCALL WAS SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMISSION CUT ITS STAFF. MCCALL REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING ANY SUGGESTION, BUT SEARCHING FOR THE LOGIC TO UNDERSTAND THE COMMISSION'S DECLINING PURCHASES AND CURRENT STAFFING. HE THANKED PLATONOV FOR GIVING HIS

VIEWS OF THAT LOGIC TO THINK ABOUT. VANCE

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